

BIG SANDY POND (Plymouth)

General Information:

This 134-acre natural kettle hole pond has an average depth of 19 feet and a maximum depth of 37 feet. The water is relatively infertile, clear and cold with a transparency of 16 feet. Vegetation is scant over a bottom composed of sand and rock rubble. There are just less than two miles of shoreline, but almost all of it has been lost to residential development. The pond has an acidity problem and was treated with limestone in 1974 and 1983.

____The Division of Fisheries & Wildlife provides access in the form of a concrete pad ramp suitable for trailer boats. The gravel parking area has space for approximately 10 cars.

Directions: From Route 3 south, exit 3, go right onto Clark Road, left onto Long Pond Road, right onto Halfway Pond Road, left onto Bourne Road, left onto Gunning Point Road. From Routes 6 and 28, take Head of the Bay Road to Plymouth (Bourne) Road, go 4 miles and turn right onto Gunning Point Road, which is a dirt road. The ramp and parking area is on the left off Gunning Point Road, just past a house and chain link fence.

Fish Populations:

Big Sandy Pond was reclaimed twice, once in 1967 and again in 1970. Stockings of trout and smallmouth bass followed reclamations. It was last sampled in 1983, and turned up yellow perch, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, brown bullhead, golden shiners, rainbow trout and brown trout.

Fishing:

Big Sandy Pond is managed as a catchable trout pond and is annually stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. Anglers can also expect to catch largemouth bass, many yellow perch, brown bullhead and smallmouth bass.

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